# Cathryn Chudy

Dear To Whom It May Concern,

I appreciate Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) for enforcing the Tri-Party Agreement and Consent Decree and strongly pushing back on USDOE's proposed Dual Path Approach. Ecology's oversight protects workers, communities, Tribal Nations, future generations, and the Columbia River. I commend Ecology for keeping the focus on the Low-Activity Waste Facility and vitrifying tank waste from 200 East.

The following comments apply to two comment periods:
1. Class 2 RCRA Permit Mod Request for the Low-Activity Waste Pretreatment System, Operating Unit Group 1 (AR-41147)
2. Class 3 RCRA Permit Mod Request for the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant, Operating Unit Group 10 (AR-41146)

Don't proceed with the Dual Path Approach. Reject USDOE's Dual Path Approach permit modification requests and stick to the plan for feeding the Low-Activity Waste vitrification plant with pretreated liquid tank waste. Do not allow USDOE to re-route any of the LAW waste feed for grouting and disposal offsite. Focus on getting both melters in the LAW Facility operating at optimal throughput.

I am greatly concerned about the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)'s persistence in pursuing a Dual Path Approach and sidelining and dismissing the Dept. of Ecology recommendations for feeding the Low-Activity Waste vitrification plant with pretreated liquid tank waste. USDOE's plan to re-route any of the LAW waste feed for grouting and disposal offsite is not supported by those of us who live in SW WA and we value the recommendations of the Dept. of Ecology which are the most environmentally responsible in the most optimal and protective way for our region. We support Ecology to best represent the interests of workers, tribal nations, future generations and our vital and life-giving Columbia River. We object to the USDOE's current pathway of moving fast in order to quickly and superficially dispense the toxic waste "problem" in a way that does not serve the public health and safety interests of our Washington state residents and the environment, nor does it protect residents living on either side of the Columbia River.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Ecology, DO NOT proceed with the Dual Path Approach and PLEASE continue to push back on federal attempts to pre-empt Ecology's longstanding wisdom on this issue.

Sincerely,
Cathryn Chudy